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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for enhancing the bioavailability of an orally administered therapeutically active compound of the formula (I)

or a geometric isomer, a stereoisomer, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, an ester thereof or a metabolite thereof metabolite thereof selected from the group consisting of TORE VI (4-hydroxy(deaminohydroxy)toremifene), TORE VII (4,4'-dihydroxy-(deaminohydroxy)toremifene), TORE XVIII ((deaminocarboxy)toremifene), TORE VIII (4-hydroxy(deaminocarboxy)toremifene) and TORE XIII (toremifene monophenol), wherein said compound is administered orally to the an individual in connection with the intake of a foodstuff having nutritional value and causing secretion of bile acids, being taken shortly before, during or after administering the compound to enhance bioavailability of the compound.

- 2. (Original) The method according to claim 1 wherein compound (I) is ospernifene.
- 3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the compound is administered at a time point which is in the range defined by 1 hour before starting the food intake and 2 hours after starting the food intake.

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4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3 wherein the compound is administered within one hour after the food intake was started.

 (Original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the compound is administered at a time point which is no later than 0.5 hour after starting the food intake.

6. (Canceled)

- (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is used for treatment of osteoporosis.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 wherein the compound is used for treatment of symptoms related to skin atrophy, or to epithelial or mucosal atrophy.
- (Original) The method according to claim 8 wherein the symptoms related to atrophy are urinary symptoms or vaginal symptoms.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the therapeutically active compound is the Z-isomer of a compound of formula (I)

, and wherein the dosage amount is from 30 to 90 mg/day.

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11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the dosage amount is 60 mg.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the therapeutically active compound is the Z-isomer of a compound of formula (I)

and wherein the dosage amount is from 30 to 90 mg/day.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, wherein the dosage amount is 60 mg.